

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-11 and 20 are amended.

Claims 1-13 and 15-20 are pending.

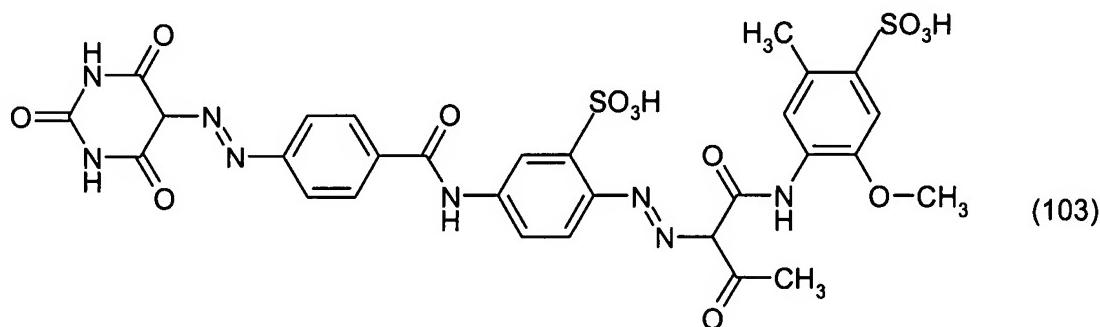
The present claims are amended to have proper Markush language, to delete redundant matter and to have proper punctuation.

No new matter is added.

Restriction

Applicants are required to elect a single dye compound.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the compound (103), Example 13 on page 25 of the specification:



Said compound falls under formula (13) of claims 1 and 3.

The elected specie reads on claims 1-4, 11 and 15-20.

The important technical feature of the present compounds is the central diaminobenzanilide building block (for instance the compound of formula (18) of claim 12).

In the compounds of formula (13), the central building block is a p,p-diaminobenzanilide.

In view of this common technical feature, Applicants kindly request the Examiner to consider examining compounds of formula (13) together. The help of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

Applicants respectfully await consideration of the present claims on their merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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